

Appl. No. 10/828,533

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Amendments to the Drawings:

There are no amendments to the Drawings.

Attachments: None

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-31, as now presented, is respectfully requested.

Single brackets are being used to amend the specification instead of line-outs for deletions as required by paragraph 2 of the above-identified office action.

Specifically, the paragraph at column 2, lines 51-58 of the specification is being amended using single brackets to delete the reference numeral "15" from this paragraph of the specification. The paragraph at column 5, lines 46-67 is also being amended to delete the reference numeral "15" using single brackets and to correctly identify the waterborne craft by the reference numeral "12", underlining the reference numeral "12".

Claims 1-31 are pending in the above-identified reissue application. Original claims 1-10, 12-17 and 19-20 are without amendments, and therefore are not being re-presented in this amendment as required by paragraph 2 of the above-identified office action.

Claim 11, lines 7 and 11, and claim 18, lines 25 and 29, from U.S. Patent No. 6,681,709 have been amended to correct a defect in each of these claims. Specifically, the word --one--

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was inserted prior to the word "end" in each of the claims to correct a grammatical error in claims 11, and 18. In addition in new claim 31 of the reissue application, at lines 7 and 11 the word --one-- was inserted prior to the word "end" to correct the same grammatical error.

New claims 21-31 presented in this amendment are underlined in their entirety as required by paragraph 3 of the above-identified office action.

On lines 4-5 of claim 30, the phrase "said light support bracket being mounted on said light support bracket" is being corrected by deleting this phrase using single brackets and inserting the underlined phrase "said warning light being mounted on said light support bracket" as required by paragraph 4 of the above-identified office action.

A supplemental oath/declaration under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) is being submitted with this amendment to overcome the rejection of the reissue application under 35 U.S.C. 251. This supplemental declaration includes the following statement which is required to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 251 rejection:

"Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant."

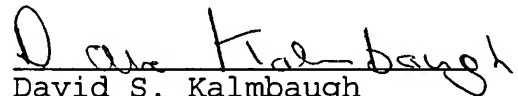
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This supplemental declaration covers all errors being corrected by this amendment including the error on lines 4-5 of claim 30 which is also being corrected by this amendment.

The supplemental declaration is signed by the inventors of U.S. Patent No. 6,681,709 and the above-identified reissue application: Laurence G. Nixon, Robert F. Taylor, William Seelig, and Stephen Slaughter.

In view of the foregoing remarks, considered in conjunction with claims 1-31 as now presented, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the prompt issuance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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